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4 J A C Q U E L I N E M. B R A D L E Y, sworn, testified:  
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6 BY MS. CARRINGTON:

7 Q Could you please state your name for the  
8 record and spell your last name?

9 A Jacqueline Bradley. B-R-A-D-L-E-Y.

10 Q And your date of birth please?

11 A March 21, 1973.

12 Q Okay. Jacqueline, directing your attention  
13 to the early morning hours of May 26th of this year. That  
14 would be Sunday night into Monday morning, Memorial Day.  
15 Were you out that evening?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And who were you out with?

18 A Tomika Means.

19 Q How long had you known Tomika?

20 A Fourteen years.

21 Q And where did you and Tomika go that  
22 evening?

23 A We went out. First we went to the Squeeze,  
24 Birchfield's and O'Boys.

25 Q So you went to three different bars that

1 evening?

2 A Yes.

3 Q About what time did you go out?

4 A We left out -- it was about -- I left about  
5 nine from my mother house. We went out about twelve.

6 Q Okay. And how many drinks did you have from  
7 nine o'clock in the evening until four o'clock in the  
8 morning at those three places?

9 A Altogether four.

10 Q Now shortly after four in the morning, were  
11 you and Tomika still together?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Where were you going?

14 A We was -- we left O'Boy's. We was going to  
15 pick up our cousin Chanel. She wasn't there. We decided  
16 to go to get something to eat.

17 Q So O'Boys is the last place you went to?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Where was that located?

20 A At Bailey and Dartmouth.

21 Q When you and Tomika were going to get  
22 something to eat, what street were you on?

23 A Delavan -- East Delavan.

24 Q And is that East Delavan headed toward Main  
25 Street headed west or away from Main?

1 A Towards Main.

2 Q What kind of car were the two of you in that  
3 evening?

4 A Her boyfriend's red Alfa Romeo.

5 Q And who was driving?

6 A Tomika.

7 Q So at approximately four-thirty in the  
8 morning you're headed west on East Delavan. What if  
9 anything unusual happened at that time?

10 A We got to Delavan and Grider. There was a  
11 car on the right-hand side of us. They tried to make a  
12 left hand turn on the right-hand side. They cut in front  
13 of us. Almost hit our car. She blew the horn. They was  
14 going to the Mobil station at Delavan and Grider.

15 Q Were there any other cars out that morning?

16 A No.

17 Q So this car cut directly in front of you?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Did you see at that time who was driving the  
20 car?

21 A No.

22 Q And you say that Tomika beeped the car horn  
23 at them?

24 A Yes.

25 Q How many times?

1 A Once.

2 Q And what happened then?

3 A We kept going and we got to Fillmore and  
4 Delavan. They pulled on the side of us, on the left-hand  
5 side of us. And our windows was down. They rolled the  
6 window down. There was a girl driving. And they rolled  
7 the window down. He kept quoting. We lucky we ain't no  
8 Nigger twice.

9 Q Just let me take this a little step by  
10 step. You say they pulled on the left-hand side of you  
11 this time?

12 A Yes.

13 Q They were on the right-hand side before?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And now when they pulled up on the left-hand  
16 side, was the passenger then closest to Tomika?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. And who -- describe who you saw or  
19 what you saw in the passenger seat?

20 A The guy Cory Epps. He was on the passenger  
21 side. And the girl was driving.

22 Q Was there anybody else in the car?

23 A No.

24 Q What kind of car was it?

25 A It was either an Oldsmobile Delta '88 or

1 Pontiac six thousand.

2 Q What color?

3 A It was -- I don't know if it was gray or a  
4 light blue.

5 Q So when he pulled up -- when this car with  
6 the two people in it pulled up next to you and both your  
7 windows were down, did the man in the car say something?

8 A Yes.

9 Q What did he say?

10 A You lucky you ain't no Nigger.

11 Q Who was he speaking to; to Tomika or both of  
12 you?

13 A I guess the both.

14 Q What did you take that to mean?

15 A We lucky we ain't no dude with a guy.

16 Q Lucky you're both women?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did Tomika say anything to you?

19 A No. I said let's go home. That's when we  
20 decided to go home because we were on the corner.

21 Q You referred to this person as Cory Epps.  
22 Did you know his name then?

23 A No.

24 Q Did you see him before?

25 A Yes. Being out at Birchfield's before.

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1 Q But you had never been introduced to him?

2 A No.

3 Q Where did you go then?

4 A We were going down Fillmore to Appenheimer.

5 Right on Appenheimer down to Chelsea made another right.

6 That's when I noticed they were behind us.

7 Q You made two right turns and you noticed  
8 they were behind you?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Were there any other cars around?

11 A No.

12 Q What happened then?

13 A When we got to the corner of Chelsea and  
14 Delavan, he cut in front of us. And when they cut in front  
15 of us, he jumped out and came on my side.

16 Q Let's take this slow. You say they cut in  
17 front of you. The woman is still driving?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Did they pull the car over so Tomika  
20 couldn't move her car?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And this is at a light?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Light where?

25 A At Chelsea and Delavan.

1 Q Okay. When they pulled the car in front of  
2 you, did anybody get out of their car?

3 A Yes.

4 Q The male or female?

5 A The male.

6 Q What did the female do?

7 A She was still sitting in the car.

8 Q Car still running?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Tomika's car still running?

11 A Yes.

12 Q So when the male got out of the car, what  
13 side of your car did he go up to?

14 A The passenger side. My side.

15 Q Is there anybody else in the car with you?

16 A Tomika.

17 Q Just the two of you?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And was your window rolled all the way down

20 A Yes.

21 Q What happened then?

22 A He came on my side. He -- when he came pa  
23 the car, I saw him pull the gun out of his waistband.

24 Q Okay. When did you see him pull the gun  
25 out?

1           A       When he jumped out of the car.

2           Q       Out of the front of his pants?

3           A       Yes.

4           Q       Do you recall what he was wearing?

5           A       Pair of bluejeans. He had like a navy blue

6 rayon quarter cut jacket and navy blue baseball cap.

7           Q       So he didn't pull the gun out of the front

8 of his pants until he got out of the car?

9           A       Yes.

10          Q       And he came around to your side of the car?

11          A       Yes.

12          Q       What happened then?

13          A       He was like in the window and I reached over

14 and touched his arm. And I said it ain't worth it. He

15 quoted "F" that and shot her.

16          Q       Okay. When you say he shot Tomika, where

17 was he leaning into the car? Was he in the window?

18 Describe where he was.

19          A       He was like leaning against the window. The

20 gun was like right in my face just like this. And he shot

21 her. Just shot.

22          Q       So he put the gun right in front of your

23 face and aimed it at Tomika?

24          A       And shot.

25          Q       What kind of gun was it?



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1           A           I don't know the name of it. It was like a  
2 gray with a brown handle with the like revolver.

3           Q           Okay. So it had the barrel that turned?

4           A           Yes.

5           Q           And how many shots did he fire?

6           A           One.

7           Q           And so that was a handgun? It wasn't a  
8 shotgun?

9           A           It was a handgun.

10          Q           Okay. And approximately how far away was  
11 the barrel of the gun from Tomika when he shot?

12          A           Just like right on the side of me. Like  
13 this. And she was like right here.

14          Q           So you're gesturing like a foot or two away?

15          A           Yes.

16          Q           What happened then?

17          A           He ran back to the car and the girl sped off  
18 going east on Delavan.

19          Q           Did you ever hear her say anything?

20          A           No.

21          Q           When he leaned in the car, you say you  
22 touched his arm and told him it's not worth it?

23          A           Yes.

24          Q           And he made a response to you. Did he say  
25 anything to Tomika?

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1           A       No.

2           Q       And what happened then?

3           A       He just said "F" that and shot her.

4           Q       After he ran away, what did you see and what  
5 did you do?

6           A       He jumped in the car and the girl sped off  
7 going east on Delavan. And I was just like sitting back  
8 and I looked over to her. She cut her eyes toward me and  
9 she leaned towards me. And blood started coming out of her  
10 nose and mouth.

11          Q       What did you do then?

12          A       I grabbed the cellular phone and tried  
13 dialing 911. It wouldn't go through. I jumped out of the  
14 car and started screaming. I ran to a house where the lady  
15 knows my mother. I told her to call my mother. I called  
16 911 on the pay phone. They told me they would send an  
17 ambulance. By the time I got back over there, that's when  
18 the ambulance and everything came.

19          Q       So the ambulance and police came almost at  
20 the same time?

21          A       Yes.

22          Q       And they came pretty soon?

23          A       Yes.

24          Q       Did Tomika say anything to this man when he  
25 was in the window?

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1 A No.

2 Q During the night when you had been at these  
3 other bars, had you had any problems or confrontations with  
4 anyone?

5 A No.

6 Q At the time that this happened, were you  
7 intoxicated?

8 A No.

9 Q Did there come a time last week when you  
10 came downtown to view a line-up?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And was that conducted at police  
13 headquarters across the street?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And when you viewed that line-up did you  
16 recognize anyone?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And do you recall what number that person  
19 was in the first line-up that you saw?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What number was that?

22 A Three.

23 Q And do you recall what number he was in the  
24 second line-up that you saw?

25 A Yes.

1 Q What number?

2 A One.

3 Q And did you recognize that person that you  
4 identified in the line-up on July 30th as being the person  
5 that shot Tomika on May 26th?

6 A Yes.

7 MS. CARRINGTON: Are there any questions?

8 BY MS. CARRINGTON:

9 Q A Grand Juror has two questions. The second  
10 of which will call for hearsay because it would call for  
11 this witness to answer something about her friend's state  
12 of mind. And I will not ask her that question. But I will  
13 ask if you saw this person that night in any of the places  
14 you were?

15 A No.

16 Q But you had seen him before?

17 A Yes.

18 MS. CARRINGTON: Any other questions?

19 BY MS. CARRINGTON:

20 Q Did Tomika -- another question from a Grand  
21 Juror related to the previous question that I wouldn't  
22 ask. Did Tomika say anything to you in the course of that  
23 ride identifying that man or mention his name or anything  
24 like that?

25 A No.

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1 Q Another question from a Grand Juror. When  
2 he was leaning in the car, where were you looking?

3 A At him.

4 Q Where was Tomika looking?

5 A At him.

6 Q Okay. So she was looking at him when he  
7 shot her?

8 A Yes.

9 MS. CARRINGTON: Any other questions?

10 BY MS. CARRINGTON:

11 Q Approximately how long was it from the first  
12 time that you noticed this car when it cut you off to the  
13 time that this shooting happened?

14 A No more than a few seconds.

15 Q Okay. So you just went around a couple of  
16 corners and that's when it happened?

17 A Yes.

18 Q So do you recall if they didn't actually go  
19 into the Mobil station then or they didn't get gas?

20 A They couldn't, because they got up to us too  
21 quick.

22 Q And did there come a time then the following  
23 day that you learned that Tomika had died?

24 A I found out two days later she died. She  
25 didn't die that Monday. She died the next day, that

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1 Tuesday morning.

2 Q So she died in the hospital?

3 A Yes.

4 MS. CARRINGTON: Any other questions? Okay. Thank  
5 you.

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